



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information is in Blue Text

Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	30 August 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	August 29 to August 30, 2020
Report Number	7

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	DDC's 14 & 15

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On Friday jurisdictions affected by Hurricane Laura began repopulation of the residents, disaster assessments, Points of Distribution operations and recovery activities.

On August 28, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients to apply over the phone for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Laura. Applications can be submitted by calling 2-1-1.

SNAP recipients need to apply for replacement food benefits for regular SNAP allotments and SNAP emergency allotments that were provided in response to COVID-19.

To allow people to continue social distancing, SNAP clients can stay home and request their replacement food benefits by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting option 2. Alternately, recipients can download Form H1855 (Affidavit for Non-receipt or Destroyed Food Stamp Benefits) on the HHSC website. To limit exposure to COVID-19, recipients are encouraged to mail or fax the completed form to HHSC instead of visiting their local offices. Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, PO Box 149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839. For more information, please visit hhs.texas.gov.

For other help related to Hurricane Laura, Texans can dial 2-1-1 and select option 5.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Texas. Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits. To find local resources in your area, such as food or shelter, please call 2-1-1 and select option 1.

FEMA has approved the emergency declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-3540-EM) for the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Dallas, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Refugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Willacy and Wood for reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Power restoration
4. Points of distribution operations.
5. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
6. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

To view the summaries of disaster declarations, letters to the Governor or Disaster Summary Outlines go to: <https://tdem.texas.gov/disaster-summary-outline-2/>

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4A, 4B Garland, 5, 6 and 22)

DDC 4B – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties)

Dallas County:

Mesquite Reception Center (MRC) is located at 15515 IH-20, Mesquite, TX 75181

- MRC is operational 24 hours; 07:00 – 19:00; 19:00 – 07:00
- On August 29, 2020 a total of 241 vehicles have been processed as of 11:30 PM.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and 16 Rosenberg)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties)

Point of Distribution (POD) operations were scheduled to begin Friday August 28, for: Jasper, Newton, Polk, Sabine and Tyler counties.

Jasper County – County Incident Management Team advised Point of Distribution (POD) operations and food distributions were needed due to power outages.

Jasper County issued a Curfew Order on August 27, 9:00PM to 6:00AM daily.

Newton County – Toledo Village WSC issued a Boil Water Notice on August 27. Curfew began for all of Newton County Thursday, August 27, 2020 between the hours of 10:00PM and 6:00AM each day, until terminated. Multiple road closures were reported in Newton County.

Sabine County – Sabine County requested meals, ice, and water commodities distribution on August 28.

Tyler County: A mandatory curfew order was issued for Tyler County from 10:00PM – 6:00AM daily effective August 26.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties)
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission reported that the Louisiana Department of Transportation reopened IH-10 at the Texas/Louisiana line.

DDC 15 is planning to support any requested PODs and continues to work with local jurisdictions for re-entry operations.

Damage assessments were done on August 27 in Hardin, Orange and Jefferson counties. Citizens are asked to not return at this time.

Hardin County: Hardin County estimates that 40 people have evacuated the county.

A curfew for Hardin County was ordered, effective August 26 from 8:00PM to 6:00AM daily until terminated.

Jefferson County: Jefferson County lifted the evacuation order. It also canceled a resource request for the Disaster Recovery Task Force given very little damage. Jefferson County estimates that 1,627 people have evacuated the county.

The City of Port Arthur also canceled a resource request because of very little damage.

The City of Port Neches issued a Boil Water Notice on August 26.

City of Beaumont started conducting re-entry operations for their evacuated citizens Friday, August 28, at 10:30 AM.

Curfew began Wednesday, August 26, 2020 between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am each day, and continuing until further orders are issued or this order is terminated.

Orange County: Orange County estimates that 273 have evacuated the county.

The Long Term Recovery Group “Orange County Disaster Rebuild” A mechanism for volunteer and donation management will be determined following the damage assessments and the scope of need is identified.

The American Red Cross was operating a POD at the Orange Church of God, 1911 North 16th Street, Orange, TX. Water, snacks and cleaning materials were being handed out, while supplies last, or until 7:00pm. August 28.

The City of Bridge City issued a Boil Water Notice on August 26.
Orange County and the City of Rose City issued Boil Water Notices on August 27.

DDC 16A – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties):

Chambers County – First responders are surveying the area. No reports thus far of road closures, damages, flooding, or power outages.

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Galveston County: The City of Galveston issued curfew on August 25.

DDC 16C – Conroe (Includes: Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties)

Liberty County: On August 26 a curfew was ordered from 8:00PM to 6:00AM daily.

Region 6 – (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18 San Antonio, 18 ARCC/Bexar and 23)

Region 6 Repatriation Report: Twenty-Five (25) buses departed today from San Antonio to the Beaumont reception center carrying 555 evacuees. All were from the City of Beaumont.

A total of 22 buses have departed from the City of Austin back to the reception center in Galveston carrying a total of 575 evacuees. One bus was sent to Beaumont carrying nine (9) people.

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties)

- Evacuees coming from outside the area seeking shelter in the Austin area may continue to go to the reception info center located at 9201 Circuit of the Americas Blvd to receive information on resources.
- The City of Austin, Travis County, Williamson County, and Hays County are in communication with the State of Texas and coastal counties to gather information and observe damage to affected communities. At this time, it is critical that evacuees do not leave their shelters without first registering their entire family with hotel staff, government or American Red Cross Official.
- Evacuees should text "**ATXShelter**" to **888-777** to get updates about sheltering in the Austin area.
- At this time, the Capital Area Shelter Hub has housed approximately 3,000 evacuees in more than 1,000 hotel rooms and in space at the Austin Convention Center.
- Fuel truck was sent to COTA to assist people who came in to get them back on the road.
- City of Austin and Galveston are making arrangements to transport people back on buses.

DDC 18B – ARCC/Bexar (Includes: Atascosa, Bexar, Karnes, McMullen and Wilson Counties)

- Consolidated sheltering hotels from 16 to 8. Processed 438 vehicles and 5 additional busses overnight. Pushed forward 4 STARS to support San Antonio operations.
- Working on repopulation for City of Beaumont, Harris County, Galveston County and Chambers County.

Evacuations: All mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders have been rescinded.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):

The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions. The Daily Operations staff continues to process disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with any unmet needs and resources.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): The CCG has alerted public, private and volunteer sector partners to be on alert for possible communications response due the tropical systems threatening the State.

Amateur Radio: Local UHF repeater networks were integrated to provide a communications network that provided connection with East, Central and North Texas, as well as connections to Oklahoma and California. Emergency Communications nets were secured at 2:00 PM CST. Requests for Amateur Radio support continue to be assessed.

AT&T / FIRSTNET: Continues to monitor the situation and how the impacts beyond Texas and Louisiana could affect those customers. They are also working with other industry providers to assist non-FIRSTNET / AT&T customers. There are currently no major outages affecting Texas.

Staged assets ready to be deployed in Texas and Louisiana include:

- SatCOLTS (Cell on Light Trucks)
- Emergency Communications Vehicles (ECVs) and Emergency Communications Portables (ECPs)
- Flying COWs™ (Cell on Wings)
- Boats/Amphibious Vehicles
- Multiple Charging Stations
- Over 1,000 Portable Generators

DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA): CISA reported the FCC's Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), shows over 99% of Cellular systems in Texas were online. The cellular providers maintained above 99% online status over the twenty-hour period before and after landfall.

Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC): CSEC staff received an update on South East Texas 9-1-1 program. Several jurisdictions are working through power issues impacting their law enforcement and 9-1-1 operations. The City of Orange Police Department (PD) experienced temporary generator issues and rerouted calls to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. The issue has been resolved and the Orange PD has resumed taking calls. The generator supporting Vidor PD is down. They have relocated to City Hall, and 9-1-1 calls are being routed to another line. Repairs are being conducted to restore their internet functionality. Jefferson County is estimating repairs to their power network to continue through the weekend.

FEMA Region 6: Continues to conduct multiple coordination conference calls with federal, state and private sector partners to assess state's needs and federal and private sector telecommunications response. FEMA, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has provided pre-landfall and post-landfall assessments of the radio frequency (RF) spectrum, to help determine the impact of the storm on cellular, radio, TV, infrastructure.

Multiple Federal, State and Private Sector Agencies: Multiple governmental and non-governmental agencies are staging communications platforms and personnel in preparation to deploy into the impacted areas, post-landfall.

Sprint/T-Mobile: Preparing resources to deploy for post landfall response. The resources can be used to support Voice, Data and cellular activities for those responding to the incident or for other supporting agencies. Resources include:

Infrastructure:

- Mobile infrastructure for cellular service –
 - COW/COLT/SATCOLT/Small Cell solutions
- IP infrastructure for data Support –
- Donor Device Program
 - Basic Phones
 - Smartphones
 - Hotspots
 - Cradlepoint Router
- Mobile Command Trailers
- Mutualink Interoperability solution

Verizon: COWs (Cell on Wheels) / COLTS (Cell on Light Trucks), as well as portable generators, have been pre-staged in state, with additional national assets on standby.

TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF): The DRTF continues engaging with local jurisdictions, providing financial guidance and discussing sheltering and post landfall operations. Conducting local outreach:

- DRTF staff working in Orange County to assess further recovery needs.
- In Hardin County DTRF is supporting long-term recovery group, and assisted with access to self-reporting damage data.
- PA and IA field survey was distributed through the DCs and ACs for the affected areas. TDEM and VOAD members deployed Friday to support damage assessment activities.
- Self-Reported Damage Assessment Survey is currently being utilized by disaster survivors and 28 requests for volunteer assistance have been transferred to Crisis Clean Up.
- Galveston County – Jamaica Beach – Provided debris management planning and cost tracking documents
- Hardin County – POD operations. No additional unmet needs.
- Jasper County – [DRTF member will be operating out of the County EOC assisting with damage assessments.](#)
- Jefferson County – POD operations. No additional unmet needs.

- Newton County – DRTF Members worked out of the County EOC supporting recovery of critical infrastructure, identification of damage to systems, requesting additional resources and support recovery operations.
 - Secured multiple shower trailers for mobilized National Guard Members, line crews and public safety personnel – COVID protocols were implemented.
 - Requested additional generators to support lift stations, POD sites, pharmacy services, and community buildings.
 - Initialized temporary sewer run off and water sources to support assets. Assisted in the coordination of consumables for frontline workers.
 - Provided County Auditor with Pre-Disaster Finance Prep Guide and assistance in determining Newton County Threshold.
 - Provided all ICS forms and explained the importance of Activity Reporting.
 - Assisted Newton County EMC with STAR request processing.
 - Newton County currently has multiple water systems that are out of service
 - Sewer and water in Kirbyville are off-line
 - Toledo Bend service is compromised
 - Service restoration will require boil notice for several days
 - Multiple generator support packages were requested via STAR
 - Power grid reported to be priority on the civic center and nursing facility
 - Power utility holding the nighttime restoration for fire service availability on restart (daytime) - completion time for the priority zone was late into the evening
 - POD operations under TFS with limited visibility
 - Request for ambulance coverage for the city/county requested via STAR. County was able to adjust current contract to cancel that request
 - Damage Assessments are pending life safety priorities
 - EOC support team arrived to support ESF functions
 - Planning needs will involve a 3 – 5- and 10-day power loss projection
 - PIO message distributed for three counties regarding DA self-reporting
 - Placeholder DSO submitted
 - Declaration confirmed with ratification set for Monday
- Orange County – DRTF will resume working in the County EOC Sunday. All OEM personnel were unavailable Saturday due to a POTUS visit.
- Sabine County – DRTF member working out of the Sabine EOC to assist with debris management and EOC support.
- Shelby County – Pending site visit.

Activated Staff and Members:

- DRTF – Section Chief, Infrastructure Unit Chief, Community Unit Chief, VAL, DRTF RC 2, DRTF RC 4, DRTF 6, RDFC 2
- PWERT: Six teams of five individuals specializing in water, sewer, storm sewer, debris removal, and general labor. Providing various sizes of hoses, portable generators, and water pumps.
- Emergency Management Support: Two teams of four individuals specializing in EOC support, damage assessment, debris management, and general labor.

TDEM Mass Care: With the use of Non-Congregate sheltering, most jurisdictions are locating single sites to send evacuees that need COVID-19 isolation and quarantine with the proper support personnel. They are not being tested. With congregate sheltering, areas are set aside away from other general population evacuees.

The American Red Cross is managing one congregate sheltering site in Austin and providing dormitory management to multiple non-congregate hotel shelters across the state. COVID-19 has not changed the Red Cross mission, and they are still providing the same types of support as they have previously. To help keep people safe, they are following guidance from CDC and public health authorities, and have put in place additional precautions. Some of these plans include face coverings, health screenings, and the plan to open more shelters that will house fewer people than normal, so that our social distancing protocols can be maintained.

The combined midnight shelter report for American Red Cross and the State of Texas is in the chart below:

Total Sheltered: 10,915
Non-Congregate: 10,170
Congregate: 745

Total Rooms: 3,389

Shelter Entity	#Sheltered	#Rooms	Congregate#
San Antonio	4,026	1,034	
DFW	6,077	2,312	
ARC Houston	67	43	
ARC Austin	115		1 Shelter
Walker County	630		7 Shelters

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Until activated, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is standing ready to support the TDEM, the TAHC, TAMU VET and local jurisdictions in Southeast Texas to provide assistance with sheltering.

DAR Agents are on standby at the Armories to assist with transporting QRF test samples, distribution of PPE and other supplies to first responders, government entities, assisted living facilities and communities.

Until further assessments are completed, the Livestock Management Donations Hotline will not go live on Thursday, August 27 to accept feed and hay donations for livestock relief. Three animal sheltering hubs were stood up on August 26 at Brazos, Montgomery and Walker Counties to accept livestock and pets from evacuees. Montgomery County closed its shelter on August 27. Walker County closed their large animal shelter on August 27, and still has 34 pets that they are housing. Brazos County still has their large animal shelter open, but numbers are declining each day.

Extension personnel are in contact with agency partners, stakeholders and NGO partners to determine capabilities and respond to post-storm issues. Extension is monitoring status of evacuation hubs for people and animals with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1): TX-TF1 ESF-9 Operations at the SOC is being staffed for 24-hour operations.

- Type-1 SAR Team rostered and activated,
- Type-3 SAR Team rostered and activated,

- SWR Squads and SWR Managers rostered and activated,
- Overhead Team rostered and activated,
- Beaumont Disaster District (DC-15) LO rostered and activated

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): TFS currently has 91 personnel assigned and numerous resources rostered to assist with needs relating to August Tropical Weather response. TFS is currently providing planning and logistical support, and other functional areas as needed, to TDEM and local entities. Response activities include Situation Reports, STAR processing, logistical support for shipping and receiving medical and sheltering supplies, and incident management support.

Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): Continues to monitor the restoration of infrastructure and the power outages caused by Hurricane Laura.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): The AROCC activated for support of Hurricane Laura response at 6:30 AM on August 27. Initial TAHC and AgriLife Ex. surveillance in the impacted area has shown very little damage or other impacts. No animal damage reports have been received, and the initial STARS for TAMU VET support and Williamson County large animal support have been cancelled. The AROCC transitioned back to virtual coordination on August 28, 2020 and field assets have been demobilized to On-Call status.

TAHC field staff are On-Call for Animal Needs Assessments and are available for any local jurisdictional requests. Both AROCC and Field Staff have been demobilized to On-Call status, while the SOC rep remains active for situational awareness and reporting, as necessary.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):

Drinking Water Systems: Drinking Water System Assessment data pulled from the Natural Disaster Operations Workgroup (NDOW) Response Manager Database as of 6:00 PM Friday, August 28, 2020.

Phone Assessments are being conducted for 171 drinking water systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Assessments have been completed for 111 systems.
- Of the 111 systems assessed, 84 are operational (22 are operational on generators) and 27 are non-operational.
- 26 systems are under a Boil Water Notice.

Wastewater Facilities: Wastewater Facility Assessment data pulled from the NDOW Response Manager Database as of 6:00 PM Friday, August 28, 2020.

Phone Assessments are being conducted for 57 wastewater systems in seven counties including: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine and San Augustine.

- Assessments have been completed for 50 systems.
- Of the 50 systems assessed, 36 are operational (23 are operational on generators) and 14 are non-operational.

TCEQ's mobile air monitoring survey van arrived in Beaumont and began conducting in-transit surveys for air pollutants in the Charlton-Pollard community. No concentrations of concern were measured.

Ambient Monitoring Stations in the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area have been assessed for damage and those with power were brought back online. Six stations (three in Beaumont-Port Arthur and three in Orange) are without power. All TCEQ monitoring stations in Houston are now back online.

Staff are available to provide guidance on debris management and available to review and authorize temporary debris management sites, as needed.

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes/hurricane-laura>

Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): The TDCJ established a command center on August 24, 2020, to monitor the impact of Hurricane Laura. TDCJ is evacuating three secure facilities and a portion of a fourth facility, and three residential facilities in the Beaumont and Jasper areas.

The evacuation of the Leblanc, Gist, Goodman, and part of the Stiles units will include approximately 3,400 offenders. Offenders are being relocated to units in Huntsville, Woodville, Lovelady and Henderson. The evacuation of the residential facilities will include approximately 200 clients, who are being relocated to a secure facility in Richmond.

District parole offices have identified high risk parolees in the area and are making arrangements to move those individuals to secure facilities out of the path of the storms, in the event a mandatory evacuation order is issued. Local community supervision (probation) offices and facilities in the areas of projected impact have been contacted and are receiving assistance in the placement of probationers who need housing.

All units located in the area of projected impact as well as those receiving evacuated offenders have staffing, supplies, and sufficient space to maintain operations while continuing with the agency's COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Food, water, ice, personal protective equipment, and essentials are being monitored continuously and will be replenished as needed. Offenders being transported will be provided an N95 mask and Vital Oxide foggers will be used to disinfect buses in between transports to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The agency will continue to operate a 24-hour command center at the Huntsville headquarters and will provide periodic updates.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS has rostered and staged Texas Highway Patrol (THP), Criminal Investigations Division (CID), Texas Ranger Division (TRD), Aircraft Operations Division (AOD), THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU), and Infrastructure Operations Division (IOD) personnel in support of the Hurricane Laura response.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):

ESF-8 Activities:

- Number of Emergency Medical Taskforce Members (EMTF) deployed: 236
- Tracking 171 EMTF missions

- Number of medical patients transported: 576
- Number of hurricane evacuation missions: 171
- Number of medical shelters opened: 1
- Number of medical staff working in medical shelters: 324
- Medical Shelter Census: 114 patients and 57 caregivers
- Medical Shelter can hold 166 at San Antonio
- Palmer Medical Shelter has demobilized and closed, leaving the Freeman Center as the sole Medical shelter still open in response to Hurricane Laura.
- 33 medical shelter patient evacuees have been repopulated to date.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is standing by to help with any requests. Crews are prepared to respond to any highway condition related issues.

- The following districts who assisted with debris removal in the Beaumont area have demobilized and returned to their home districts: Austin, Bryan, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, and Yoakum districts.
- TxDOT Courtesy Patrol is providing assistance to motorist returning to Southeast Texas on State roadways.
- TxDOT is staffing the SOC virtually.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): Currently, HHSC has one liaison present at the SOC. They are collecting, documenting, and sharing situational awareness information, responding to inquiries, and monitoring state requests for HHSC-provided assets. On August 24, 4:00 PM, HHSC received STAR for activation of emergency ice, water and freight contracts.

- To date, HHSC has processed STARs for 35 trailers of bottled water and 58 trailers of bagged ice to support points of dispensing in affected counties.
- Providing 24-hour Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator support for DDC14 Beaumont.

Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS): TIFMAS currently has 35 personnel on 7 pieces of equipment rostered and deployed in support of Hurricane Laura operations.

All resources other than 10 Saw Squads were demobilized on August 27 and are returning to their home jurisdictions. Three Saw Squads were demobilized on August 28 and are traveling home. Saw squads remain engaged or were reassigned to POD support.

Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD currently has activated 1,034 personnel, 88 HPVs, 32 HMMWVs, 10 rotary and 4 fixed-wing Aircraft in support of the August Tropical Weather Response. The State Air Operations has been activated at Camp Mabry, Austin. TMD deployed contingency forces to protect life and property. TMD is supporting TX-TF1 with search, rescue, embarkation hubs, ETN, evacuee shelters, PODS and other missions.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has local resources in Southeast Texas ready to support any rescue and recovery efforts as a result of Hurricane Laura.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs):

Adventist Community Services: Adventist Community Services has provided 400 hygiene kits in Beaumont.

All Hands and Hearts: Will be staging in Newton County for cleanup efforts.

Americares: Remote mobilization, providing water, medicines and medical supplies for charitable clinics, also possible grants to help to re-open. Mental Health and IPC training available.

American Red Cross (ARC): The American Red Cross has established a disaster relief operation (DR 538-21) in support of Hurricane Laura across Texas. They have established districts in North Texas, Central Texas, and Southeast Texas. They are in close coordination with the Louisiana operation to support requests.

- Feeding: 1,200 total hot meals were planned for August 29 (lunch and dinner) at four fixed sites: Market Basket in Orange, Church of God in Orange, First Baptist Church of Kirbyville, and the Deweyville Fire Department. There is one mobile feeding route in Port Arthur. In addition to meals they will also have heater meals, water, and snacks at these sites. The total number of meals/snacks/cases of water/heater meals served to date is 4,379.
- Distribution of Emergency Supplies: the total number of cleanup supplies distributed is 471.
- Damage Assessment: teams are in the field assessing homes in Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, and Orange Counties. ARC provided the State CIS team with a link to view data in real time.
- Disaster Health, Mental Health, Disability Care, and Spiritual Care contacts to date are 302.

Church of Latter-Day Saints: Is on standby and ready to respond with cleanup efforts when requested.

Crisis Cleanup: Requests for assistance are currently low in Texas. Anticipate an uptick once survivors go home. Crisis Cleanup number: 844-956-1386.

Crisis Response Ministries: Provided in person emotional and spiritual care to evacuees at shelter in Fort Worth. Provided clothing for evacuees at the shelter in McKinney. Total of 102 volunteer hours for this incident to date.

Crowd Source Rescue: Deployed to Jefferson County prior to landfall. Assisting in Port Arthur and Louisiana.

Feeding Texas: Feeding Texas is a statewide network of food banks leading a unified effort to end hunger in Texas. Preparing food banks and food pantries to be able to respond after landfall.

The following Members of Feeding Texas are responding to 20-0013 August Tropical Weather Event:

Southeast Texas Food Bank

- 1) Services Orange, Jefferson, Hardin, Polk, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, and Sabine counties.
- 2) Due to the mandatory evacuation order for Jefferson and Orange counties here is the food banks projected work schedule:
 - August 25th, they will continue securing our facility, attending to deadline driven matters affected by the storm's timing, and making any last local disaster product deliveries we can among evacuation traffic flow.
 - Wednesday and Thursday, August 26-27th, the food bank will be closed. One Executive staff member will remain at the food bank, during the storm. This will allow for food

assistance if needed to those that are in the immediate area. Due to potential flooding the food bank and surrounding area tends to become an island after a hurricane, therefore the staff to service the area.

- Friday, August 28th, plan to open and begin relief and recovery follow through.
- 3) The food bank did not receive any damage and for the most part roads in Beaumont are passable.
 - Staff are returning to the area and the food bank will open Friday, August 28.

Montgomery County Food Bank:

- 1) Services Montgomery County only
- 2) Had a large mobile distribution
- 3) Are coordinating possible water distribution for shelters in the area if needed

Houston Food Bank:

- 1) Services Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Austin, Waller, Walker, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers and Trinity counties
 - Will provide additional support to Galveston County Food Bank if needed
- 2) Trucks loaded and staged for disaster response in multiple high ground locations
- 3) 63 partners who committed to being disaster distribution sites
 - Committed to stay open to assist with disaster response
- 4) Obtained extra warehouse space for receiving and distribution of product
- 5) Our kitchen has the capacity to prepare 5000 people 2 meals a day.

Galveston County Food Bank

- 1) Services Galveston County only
- 2) Has pushed food out to their agencies designated first line agencies.
- 3) Their trucks are loaded and ready to deploy after landfall.
- 4) Staff have been issued identification badges to facilitate ease of movement if necessary.
 - Closed August 26, 2020 at noon and plans to reopen Friday morning, August 28th
- 5) Reopened on August 27.
- 6) Galveston County Food Bank was open today. Montgomery County Food Bank and Southeast Texas Food Bank anticipate opening August 28.

Shelter Hub Support

Central Texas, North Texas and San Antonio Food Banks:

- Have been on coordination calls regarding sheltering hubs in their cities
- Central Texas Food Bank is providing 150 meals twice a day to American Red Cross for distribution
- North Texas Food Bank is supporting two reception centers in the DFW area.
 - Provided 1,500 snack bags and 2,000 bottles of water yesterday and today
- San Antonio Food Bank prepped 680 meals for 2 shelters that opened last night
- San Antonio Food Bank is looking to support in Central Texas Food Bank coordination with American Red Cross with shelter meals if needed
- Central Texas Food Bank, (Austin) has prepared 585 meals to date for American Red Cross to deliver.
- San Antonio Food Bank has prepared 6,475 meals to date.

Feeding Texas Network support

- Working with Feeding America, HEB and state food banks to get more ready to eat type food boxes ready to send into the area if needed.
- Coordinating with TDEM ESF 6, Texas Feeding Taskforce, and Texas VOAD
- In communication with TDA, HHSC, DSHS regarding D-SNAP, Household commodities and various information and waivers needed once a presidential declaration is issued.

Global Citizen USA: Has bleach available to location jurisdictions in need.

Good360: Are assisting Hardin and Orange Counties in locating needed relief items.

Houston Responds: Collecting relief supplies for Hurricane Laura survivors in Texas and Louisiana. Will be made available to affected communities as requested.

Islamic USA: Assisting Red Cross with damage assessments. Has the ability to tarp roofs. Has safety kits and funding for unmet needs.

ITDRC: Assisting with connectivity in Beaumont and Orange area. Can provide connectivity and technology when needed.

Lutheran Social Services: Are located in Louisiana, are monitoring needs and coordinating efforts.

National Baptist: Standing up location for cleanup in Beaumont area.

OneStar Foundation: Staff are prepared to provide technical assistance support to local jurisdictions in the administration and distribution of monetary donations for relief and recovery activities. Staff are also prepared to facilitate engagement of available national service assets as needed to support state and local response and recovery efforts.

Southern Baptist Texas Convention (SBTC) Disaster Relief: SBTC is currently reporting 53 volunteers are supporting an incident management team, 2 shower units, 1 55 kW generator unit, chainsaw team, 4 mass care feeding unit, 2 shower/laundry units, 3 laundry unit supporting power line crews and first responders, for 800 volunteer hours.

The Salvation Army (TSA): TSA has been in communication with all affected field units and placed several feeding units on standby for staging. Coordination calls with local, state, and federal partners to include VOAD partner agencies have commenced. All teams will be adhering to safety protocols put into place due to COVID19, wearing PPE and social distancing where applicable. TSA SOC Liaison will be supporting virtually. Ten mobile feeding units (capacity: 1,500 meals per day per feeding unit) in Texas and an IMT have been placed on standby for staging. Meals are being delivered to the Ford Park RSA for first responders. A third feeding operation is being staged in Huntsville as the first of the major shelter hubs. IMT has been mobilized and is coordinating operations from the Salvation Army of Beaumont. Additional feeding locations added on August 29 to include Newton County Fairgrounds and Deweyville High School. Tarps, cleanup kits and other resources were distributed in Newton and Jasper Counties. TSA has supplied 6,703 meals, 5,298 drinks, and 3,279 snacks.

Tarrant County VOAD: Adventists are supplying hygiene kits to shelters. The United Way is providing laundry coins to disaster survivors in shelters.

Team Rubicon: Sending recon team to Orange County for chainsaw mission and cleanup operations.






Texas Search and Rescue (TEXSAR): There was a 42-member response. Late in the evening on August 26, TEXSAR moved assets and team members to Port Arthur to prepare for rescues pending Laura making landfall. Team responded with heavy equipment and 16 person strike team. TEXSAR was staged for evacuations, potential flood and swift water rescue, and disaster assessment. Upon situational assessment returned to home base.

Points of Distribution (PODs):

Name	County	Address	Status	Hours of Operation
Angelina River Fire Department	Jasper	11818 Hwy 63W Jasper, TX 75951	Preparation	
Bridge City Intermediate School	Orange	1029 West Roundbunch Bridge City, TX 77611	Preparation	
Buna High School	Jasper	711 County Road 734 Buna, TX 77612	Preparation	
First Baptist Church, Kirbyville	Jasper	105 N. Barrows Avenue Kirbyville, TX 75956	Preparation	
Holly Park Marina	Sabine	3000 East Carter Ferry Rd Milam, TX 75959	Preparation	
Jasper Co Economic Development	Jasper	1 Parkway Blvd (may search as Airport Blvd) Jasper, TX 75951	Preparation	
Market Basket-Mauriceville	Orange	11816 Hwy 62 N Orange, TX 77632	Preparation	10:00AM – 4:00PM
Orange Boat Ramp-Orange	Orange	609 Pier Road Orange, TX 77630	Preparation	10:00AM – 4:00PM
Toledo Bend Volunteer Fire Department	Newton	8663 RR 255 Burkeville, TX 75932	Preparation	
Turning Point Church-Vidor	Orange	3600 N. Main Vidor, TX 77662	Preparation	10:00AM – 4:00PM
6 Mile Fire Department	Sabine	9200 SH 87	Open	

		Hemphill, TX 75948		
Cade Building	Newton	142 Hwy. 63E Burkeville, TX 75932	Open	
Colmesneil Volunteer Fire Department	Tyler	309 N. Wheeler Road Colmesneil, TX 75938	Open	
Deweyville High School	Newton	171 Hwy 87 South Orange, TX 77612	Open	
Newton Municipal Airport	Newton	800 CR 1011 Newton, TX 75966	Open	
Sabine History Center	Sabine	235 North Texas Street Hemphill, TX 75948	Open	
Spurger Volunteer Fire Department	Tyler	111 CR 4433 Spurger, TX 77660	Open	
Warren Volunteer Fire Department	Tyler	CR 1550 Road Warren, TX 77664	Open	
Woodville Fire Department	Tyler	100 West Bluff Street Woodville, TX 75979	Open	

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
56	24	166	23	163

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
AgriLife A&M	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	SOC/Austin
AgriLife A&M	Administration	2		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	TFS/ESF 4 Representatives	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin

TFS A&M	TFS EOC Support	10		Assigned	College Station
TFS A&M	Logistical Support (RSA/PODs)	2		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TFS A&M	TIFMAS Liaison	2		Assigned	Remote
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Module	1		Assigned	DDC 4A Hurst
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	2		Assigned	DDC 15 Beaumont
TFS A&M	All-Hazards Planning Modules	4		Assigned	Jasper County
TFS A&M	RSA/POD IMT & Logistical Support	31		Assigned	Ford Park RSA
TFS A&M	TIFMAS Saw Squads	36		Assigned	Kirbyville, Burkeville, Ford Park RSA
TEEX TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	3		Assigned	SOC/Austin
TEEX TX-TF1	DDC15 Liaison	1		Activated	Beaumont
TEEX TX-TF1	Over Head Team	2		Activated	College Station
TEEX TX-TF1	Texas A&M Task Force #1 (Type-1)	77	7	Activated	Ford Park Beaumont
TEEX TX-TF1	Texas A&M Task Force #2 (Type-3)	40	6	Activated	Lumberton
TEEX TX-TF1	SWR Boat Squads and SWR Managers	73	31	Activated	Beaumont (Ford Park), Lumberton, Huntsville, College Station, Galveston, Orange, Winnie, Deweyville
ARC	Kitchen Support Trailer		1	Assigned	Orange County
ARC	Bulk Distribution Trailer		2	Assigned	Lufkin/Houston Warehouse
ARC	ERVs	8	4	Assigned	SE Texas
ARC	Volunteers	399		Assigned	Statewide (Virtual)
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned, On-Call	Austin/SOC (Virtual)
DPS	Helicopter with hoist	12	4	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	Helicopter for recon.	3	1	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	Helicopter for recon.	6	2	Activated	Austin

DPS	Cessna 208 fixed wing	2	1	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	PC12 fixed wing	2	1	Activated	San Antonio
DPS	Aircraft fuel trailer	2	2	Activated	Southeast Texas
DPS	TMU Boat	8	3	Activated	Winnie
DPS	TMU Boat	3	2	Activated	Victoria
DPS	TMU Boat	1	1	Activated	Texas City
DPS	TMU Boat	1	1	Activated	Conroe
DPS	TMU UAS	1	1	Activated	Winnie
DPS	TMU Boat fuel trailers	2	2	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TMU personnel/boats	12	5	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	THP Commissioned personnel and vehicles	766	766	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas, Nacogdoches, Beaumont, Austin
DPS	CID commissioned personnel and vehicles	154	154	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TRD commissioned personnel and vehicles	88	88	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ statewide
DPS	TRD Zodiac		2	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas
DPS	TRD Safe boat		1	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ Statewide
DPS	TRD Armored Personnel Carriers		9	Activated / Staged	Southeast Texas/ Statewide
DPS	IOD LEC command trailers		4	Activated / Staged	Austin, Abilene, Weslaco
DPS	IOD LEC CEO Teams	12		Activated / Staged	Statewide
HHSC	SOC Liason	1	0	Assigned	Austin/Alt SOC
HHSC	Regional Disaster Assistance Coordinator	2		Assigned	DDC 14
TX-EMTF	EMTF Command Team	2		Activated	ARCC San Antonio
TX-EMTF	Ambulance Staging	12		Activated	ARCC San Antonio

	Management Team				
TX-EMTF	Heavy AST	17	6	Activated	Ford Park Beaumont
TX-EMTF	AMBUS	54	9	Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Paramedics	15		Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TX-EMTF	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	18		Activated	NRG moving to Ford Park
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	5	1	Available	Jefferson County Staging
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	10	2	Assigned	Hemphill (Sabine County)
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	10	2	Assigned	Kirbyville (Jasper County)
TIFMAS	Saw Squads	10	2	Assigned	Burkeville (Newton County)
TIFMAS	TIFMAS SOC Representative	1	0	Activated	Travis County (Remote)
TMD	GTCHQ	11	3	Assigned	South Hemphill
TMD	GTCHQ	11	5	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	GTCHQ	10	5	Assigned	Jasper
TMD	GTCHQ	20	8	Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	BDEMC	13		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	BDEMC	21	7	Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	BNMC	23		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	BNMC	3		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	BNMC	29	8	Activated	Wylie
TMD	GSUHQ	4		Assigned	Austin
TMD	GSUs	62		Assigned	Austin
TMD	GTP	43	17	Assigned	South Hemphill
TMD	GTP	40	21	Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	GTP	30	22	Assigned	Jasper
TMD	GTP	10	5	Assigned	Kirbyville
TMD	GTP	15		Assigned	Deweyville
TMD	GTP	15		Assigned	Newton
TMD	GTP	10	5	Activated	Brownwood
TMD	GTP	10	5	Activated	Grand Prairie
TMD	GTP	30	15	Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	GTP	19	9	Activated	Wylie
TMD	GTP	10	5	Activated	Waco
TMD	Rotary Wing MRP	126	10	Activated	Austin
TMD	Airlift MRP	108	4	Activated	Fort Worth
TMD	Airfield C2 Team	50		Activated	Beaumont
TMD	SOC Mil Desk	2		Assigned	Austin
TMD	SOC LOGS	5		Assigned	Austin

TMD	MDC DDC 4A	2		Assigned	Fort Worth
TMD	MDC DDC 14	1		Assigned	Lufkin
TMD	MDC DDC 16A	1		Assigned	Houston/Westheimer
TMD	MDC DDC 16D	1		Assigned	Houston/Pierce
TMD	MDC DDC 4B	1		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	MDC DDC 15	2		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	MDC DDC 16B	1		Assigned	Texas City
TMD	TICPs	4		Assigned	Bryan
TMD	TICPs	8		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	ETN Teams	7		Assigned	Dallas
TMD	ETN Teams	7		Assigned	Port Arthur
TMD	ETN Teams	4		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	ETN Teams	20		Assigned	Mesquite
TMD	ETN Teams	7		Assigned	Arlington
TMD	GMT	5		Assigned	Walker County
TMD	GMT	4		Assigned	Jack Brooks
TMD	Engineering Team	0		Activated	Austin
TMD	TACP (TC3) & TACP (TRE)	11		Assigned	Beaumont
TMD	TMD ABS	30		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Shelter OPS	38		Assigned	Austin
TMD	Shelter OPS	18		Assigned	Huntsville
TMD	JTFLNO	8		Assigned	College Station
TMD	PAO	2		Assigned	College Station
TPWD	SOC Liaison	2	2	Assigned	Austin/SOC
TPWD	Game Wardens			Activated	Southeast Texas
TPWD	Air Boats		9	Activated	Southeast Texas
TPWD	Swift Water Boat		1	Activated	Southeast Texas
TPWD	UAS Game Warden	2	2	Activated	Southeast Texas
TxDOT	SOC Liaisons	2		Assigned	SOC/Virtual

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.

W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM

Chief – Texas Division of Emergency Management
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services
Texas A&M University System

<https://tdem.texas.gov/>

Twitter: [@TDEM](#)

(512) 424-2208 (24/7)